

Morning Highlights

July 6, 2006**Morning Highlights 2006-20****Contact:****Maggie Rogers, BLM AFS, 356-5511**

HIGHLIGHTS

- The 140-acre Christian River Fire is 80-percent contained. The fire received precipitation Wednesday and firefighters worked to build fireline and contain spot fires. Crews continue to secure the fire perimeter. Fire behavior is not expected to be a concern today; however, given the Red Flag Warnings and the potential for extreme fire behavior, helicopters will be on standby. The fire is staffed with 121 people.
- Red Flag Warnings (RFW) are in effect from noon today until 10:00 p.m. this evening for strong winds east of the Dalton Highway and for a portion of the interior zones including the southeastern Brooks Range and the Yukon Flats/ surrounding uplands. A RFW is also in effect for the same time period for strong winds north of Ambler for a portion of the northwestern interior including the upper Kobuk and Noatak valleys. The RFWs mean that conditions are occurring or will occur that could lead to the development of large, dangerous wildfires.
- Fire behavior on the Parks Highway Fire has moderated and the fire was smoldering, creeping and there was isolated torching Wednesday. There are 45 personnel assigned. For more information call: 907-451-2627.
- No new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Wednesday. Currently 11 active fires are active in Alaska. The Christian River and Parks Highway fires are the only ones that are staffed. The AICC reports that so far this year 200 fires statewide have burned nearly 212,115 acres. For additional information about fire activity in Alaska, please visit: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>

—See Next Page For Additional References—

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
- National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov>
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov>

The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service provides wildland fire suppression services for all Department of the Interior and Native Corporation lands in Alaska, and assists those entities with other fire management activities including: guidance and interpretation of fire policy for BLM Alaska and management of the BLM Alaska aviation program. In addition to fire suppression missions, AFS also conducts prescribed fires in accordance with various partner agreements.